Development projects financed by World Bank

792. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of development projects in the country being financed by World Bank at present, State-wise;

(b) the status of these projects;

(c) whether most of the State projects are running behind schedule or unable to utilize the sanctioned amount within the time-frame;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(e) the fresh projects pending with the Central Government seeking World Bank assistance, State-wise, as on date; and

(f) by when, these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) There are 54 ongoing World Bank financed projects as on 30.06.2006. The State-wise distribution of these projects is as under:

State	No. of projects	State	No. of Projects	State	No. of Projects
Andhra Pradesh	3	Assam	1	Chhattishgarh	1
Gujarat	2	Himachal Pradesh	1	Karnataka	7
Kerala	2	Madhya Pradesh	2	Maharashtra	3
Mizoram	1	Rajasthan	4	Tamil Nadu	4
Uttar Pradesh	5	Uttaranchal	1	Multi-State/ Central	17

(b) These projets are under various stages of implementation against the total commitment of US$ 12028.45 million, the cumulative disbursement in respect of these projects is US$ 4741 million as on 30.06.2006.

(c) and (d) The following state sector projects have been given extension beyond their original closing date:

Sl. No.	Project	Reasons for extension
1.	Gujarat Emergency Earthquake Reconstruction Projects	Extended by two years, i.e., from 31.10.2005 to 31. 10.2007, to complete work in activities such as public infrastructure, capacity building and Disaster Managment
2.	Gujarat State Highways Project	Extended by one year, i.e., from 31.12.2005 to 31.12.2006, due to delay in award of contracts.
3.	Uttar Pradesh Health System Development Project	Extended by one year, i.e., from 31.12.2005 to 31.12.2006, to utilize the sanctioned amount as the project took off two years late due to creation of new State of Uttranchal out of Uttar Pradesh in the year 2000.

(e) The State-wise details of projects pending with the Central Government for posing to the World Bank for assitance are as under:-

State	No. of projects	State	No. of Projects	State	No. of Projects
Andhra Pradesh	2	Himachal Pradesh	2	Karnataka	1
Kerala	1	Maharashtra	1	Orissa	1
Rajasthan	2	Uttaranchal	1	West Bengal	1

(f) After a project proposal is posed to the World Bank for funding, it follows the cycle of project analysis, preparation, appraisal and negotiation before its final approval by the World Bank Board.

Complaints received by Banking Ombudsman

793. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by banking ombudsman offices since January, 2006 after the revised banking ombudsman scheme came into force;

(b) the number of complaints disposed of out of the total complaints; and

(c) the reasons, if any, for not disposing of remaining complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the total number of complaints received during January to June 2006 is 21935.